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2 **In the Claims**

3 Claims 2-9, 12-14, 17-21 and 23-29 are currently amended.

4 Claims 1-29 remain in the Application and are listed below.

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6 1. (Original) A method comprising:

7 receiving a first event at a first event filter, the first event filter having an  
8 associated filter criteria;

9 applying the filter criteria associated with the first event filter to the first  
10 event;

11 if the first event satisfies the filter criteria associated with the first event  
12 filter, then:

13 transforming the first event into a second event; and

14 communicating the second event to a second event filter having an  
15 associated filter criteria, the second event filter being associated with an event  
16 consumer, wherein the event consumer performs an action if the second event  
17 satisfies the filter criteria associated with the second event filter.

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19 2. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1 wherein  
20 the second event includes a header having a plurality of parameters, wherein the  
21 event header has a standard data format regardless of event source.

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23 3. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1 wherein  
24 the second event includes a payload including a plurality of payload objects.

1           4. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1 wherein  
2 the second event filter has no knowledge of the first event.

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4           5. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1 wherein  
5 communicating the second event to a second event filter further comprises  
6 communicating the second event to a plurality of event filters, each of the plurality  
7 of event filters having an associated filter criteria.

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9           6. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1 wherein  
10 communicating the second event to a second event filter further comprises  
11 communicating the second event to a plurality of event filters, each of the plurality  
12 of event filters having an associated filter criteria and each of the plurality of event  
13 filters being associated with one of a plurality of event consumers, wherein each of  
14 the plurality of event consumers performs an action if the second event satisfies  
15 the filter criteria associated with the corresponding event filter.

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17           7. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1 wherein  
18 the action performed by the event consumer if the second event satisfies the filter  
19 criteria associated with the second event filter is logging the second event to a  
20 storage device.

1       8. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1 wherein  
2 the action performed by the event consumer if the second event satisfies the filter  
3 criteria associated with the second event filter is forwarding the second event to a  
4 destination.

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6       9. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1 wherein  
7 the action performed by the event consumer if the second event satisfies the filter  
8 criteria associated with the second event filter is generating an email message.

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10      10. (Original) One or more computer-readable memories containing a  
11 computer program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited  
12 in claim 1.

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14      11. (Original) A method comprising:  
15           receiving a first event having a first format;  
16           transforming the first event into a second event having a second format,  
17 wherein transforming the first event into a second event comprises:  
18           generating an event header having a plurality of parameters, wherein the  
19 plurality of parameters are arranged in a standard data format; and  
20           generating an event payload having a plurality of payload objects, wherein  
21 the plurality of payload objects identify at least one action to perform in response  
22 to the event.

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1           12. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 11 further  
2 comprising applying the plurality of parameters in the event header to a filter to  
3 determine whether the associated event meets criteria associated with the filter.

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5           13. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 11 wherein  
6 the plurality of parameters are arranged in a standard data format regardless of the  
7 first event source.

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9           14. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 11 further  
10 comprising:

11                 applying the second event to an event filter having an associated filter  
12 criteria; and

13                 communicating the second event to an event consumer if the second event  
14 satisfies the filter criteria associated with the event filter.

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16           15. (Original) One or more computer-readable memories containing a  
17 computer program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited  
18 in claim 11.

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20           16. (Original) An apparatus comprising:

21                 an event transformer to receive a first event and transform the first event  
22 into a second event, the second event having a standard data format regardless of  
23 the first event data format;

24                 a plurality of event filters coupled to the event transformer, the event filters  
25 to apply filter criteria to the second event; and

1       a plurality of event consumers coupled to the plurality of event filters, the  
2       event consumers to perform an action if the second event satisfies the filter criteria  
3       applied by the event filters.

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5       17. (Currently Amended) The [[An]] apparatus as recited in claim 16  
6       wherein the event transformer operates independently of the event filters and  
7       independently of the event consumers.

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9       18. (Currently Amended) The [[An]] apparatus as recited in claim 16  
10      wherein the second event includes an event header having a plurality of  
11      parameters arranged in a standard data format.

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13      19. (Currently Amended) The [[An]] apparatus as recited in claim 16  
14      wherein the second event includes an event header having a plurality of  
15      parameters arranged in a standard data format, and wherein the plurality of  
16      parameters in the event header are applied to the event filters to determine whether  
17      the associated event satisfies the filter criteria.

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19      20. (Currently Amended) The [[An]] apparatus as recited in claim 16  
20      wherein the second event includes an event payload having a plurality of payload  
21      objects.

1       21. (Currently Amended) The [[An]] apparatus as recited in claim 16  
2 wherein the second event includes an event payload having a plurality of payload  
3 objects, and wherein the plurality of payload objects identify at least one action to  
4 perform in response to the event.

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6       22. (Original) One or more computer-readable media having stored  
7 thereon a computer program that, when executed by one or more processors,  
8 causes the one or more processors to:

9             receive a first event having a first data format;

10            filter the first event using a first filter criteria;

11            transform the first event into a second event having a second data  
12 format if the first event satisfies the first filter criteria, wherein the second data  
13 format includes an event header having a plurality of parameters and an event  
14 payload having a plurality of payload objects; and

15            communicate the second event to an event action handler if the first  
16 event satisfies the first filter criteria.

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18       23. (Currently Amended) The one [[One]] or more computer-readable  
19 media as recited in claim 22 wherein the plurality of parameters in the event  
20 header are arranged in a standard format.

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22       24. (Currently Amended) The one [[One]] or more computer-readable  
23 media as recited in claim 22 wherein the plurality of parameters in the event  
24 header are used to filter the second event.

1       25. (Currently Amended) The one [[One]] or more computer-readable  
2 media as recited in claim 22 wherein the plurality of payload objects in the event  
3 payload are used to identify at least one action to perform in response to the  
4 second event.

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6       26. (Currently Amended) The one [[One]] or more computer-readable  
7 media as recited in claim 22 wherein the plurality of payload objects in the event  
8 payload are used by an event consumer that receives the second event to identify  
9 an action to perform in response to the second event.

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11      27. (Currently Amended) The one [[One]] or more computer-readable  
12 media as recited in claim 22 wherein the event action handler performs at least one  
13 action in response to the second event.

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15      28. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1 wherein  
16 the filter criteria associated with the first event filter includes an event type.

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18      29. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1 wherein  
19 the filter criteria associated with the second event filter includes an event type.